

GREENLAND - COMPLETE EAST GREENLAND | OCEAN ALBATROS



INTRODUCTION

Explore the stunning coasts of East Greenland, one of the world's most untamed and isolated places. On an exceptional journey that combines the best of East Greenland, discover the beauty and diversity of the area. Among the wonders we want to witness on the untamed beaches of Earth's largest island are the flashing aurora borealis, massive glaciers, towering mountains, and captivating Arctic fauna. Discover the amazing history, culture and take in the unparalleled grandeur of the world's largest national park, North-east Greenland National Park.

This exciting itinerary takes you on a fascinating journey across three distinct locations of East Greenland, all from the capital city of Reykjavík in Iceland. After crossing the Denmark Strait, we arrive at the Ammassalik region. Here, we will see the historical landmarks, charming towns, and breathtaking natural beauty of the area before visiting Tasiilaq, the capital of East Greenlandic culture and tradition. We will travel from Ammassalik to Ittoqqortoormiit, a community in the extensive fjord system of Scoresbysund, where guests can engage in the distinctive rituals and practices of the Inuit settlers who settled in this area. We're going to head out of Scoresbysund and towards the North East Greenland National Park. With the exception of species like beluga whales splashing in the freezing fjords and muskoxen grazing on the tundra, this is the biggest protected stretch of land on Earth. Encircled by spectacular landscape, we will explore large glaciers on our fleet of Zodiacs, land at distant locations, and, with any chance, witness the majesty of the northern lights in pure wilderness. This journey provides an incredible opportunity to witness some of the most captivating species in the Arctic while showcasing Inuit culture and the vast wildness of the region.

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12 Days

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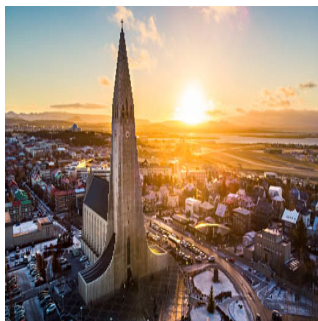
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DAY 1: Reykjavik - Embarkation

The rock-like columns of Hallgrímskirkja Church loom over the city of Reykjavík, a hip Scandi capital which needs little introduction. With new Nordic cuisine, excellent shopping, fantastic excursions and an easy relaxed vibe, Reykjavík is one of Scandinavia's most welcoming and exciting cities. In the afternoon, we await to welcome our guests onboard Ocean Albatros. After our mandatory safety drill, enjoy dinner and a glass of champagne as we set sail a course for adventure as we set out across the Denmark Strait, bound for Greenland.



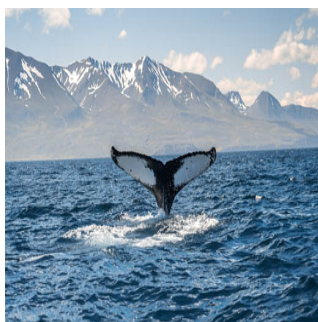
DAY 2: At Sea - Crossing the Denmark strait

The Denmark Strait is the narrow section of the North Atlantic separating Iceland from Greenland. This body of water is among the most productive in the world, where the cold polar East Greenland Current collides with the warm northbound Gulf Stream. These nutrient-rich waters support vast stocks of fish, and the humans, seals, whales and seabirds which rely on them. Days at sea are never dull. We will arrange a variety of activities onboard for our guests to enjoy to engage the mind, body and soul. Join your knowledgeable Expedition Team lecturers in the Theatre to hear specially-crafted lectures on Greenlandic history, wildlife, geology, culture and more, unwind with a massage in the Albatros Polar Spa, or simply watch the seabirds gliding along the ship from our hot tubs as the Ocean Albatros flies across the Denmark Strait.



DAY 3: Kuummiut & Ikateq

In the morning, explore Kuummiut, a picturesque village in Ammassalik Fjord, renowned for its fishing industry and the only fish factory in the region. Experience life in this isolated East Greenlandic settlement, where sled dogs replace traffic, and the sea serves as the highway. Enjoy the serene atmosphere, watching icebergs drift by and possibly spotting playful whales offshore. In the afternoon, sail to Ikateq, a fjord with a compelling history as a WWII American airbase, known as Blue 2 East. Abandoned in 1947, the site remains remarkably preserved, with debates about its cleanup persisting over the years. Ikateq is a unique time capsule, offering a glimpse into the wartime era amid stunning natural surroundings.



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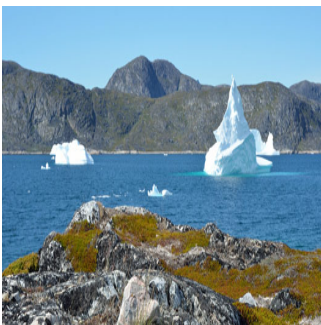
DAY 4: Tasiilaq

In the morning, arrive in Tasiilaq, East Greenland's largest settlement, known for preserving ancient traditions distinct from the west coast. Isolated until 1894, this region boasts unique language, traditions, and culture. Explore the rich history, including the legacy of Angakkuit (Shamans) and the artistic tradition of crafting tupilaat, considered among the country's finest. Situated on Ammassalik Island, Tasiilaq offers a rugged landscape, abundant sled dogs, and excellent hiking opportunities like Flower Valley. Immerse yourself in Tunumiit culture at the museum, enjoy the city's choir and traditional drum dancing, or indulge in retail therapy at the Stunk Artist's Workshop, showcasing exquisite craftsmanship with local materials.



DAY 5: At Sea - En route to Ittoqqortoormiit

Sailing along the coastline of this vast island (where reaching the next-closest town takes two nights and a day of sailing), it can be difficult to comprehend the scale of this huge country. Measuring roughly four times the size of France, Greenland dominates the Atlantic portion of the Arctic, covering latitudes from 59-83°N, and 11-74°W. Around 80% of Greenland is covered by the Greenland Ice Sheet (known as Sermersuaq or 'The Great Ice' in Greenlandic), the largest body of ice on earth outside Antarctica. The Greenland Ice Sheet is so vast that it governs the weather patterns of the region, with summer meltwater and winter ice largely driving ocean currents in this part of the North Atlantic. Despite the lack of towns, the stretch of coastline between the Ammassalik and Scoresbysund region is of vital importance to the residents of the area. During the summer, locals hunt whales, seals and other game by boat along the coast of this vast wilderness, as their ancestors have done since time immemorial. Some skilled hunters still choose to use kayaks to sneak up on skittish prey like narwhals - continuing a millennia-old hunting tradition. While some choose to use snowmobiles in winter to traverse the sea ice which hugs the coast, most hunters choose to use dogsleds, which are more reliable, rugged, and do not rely on fuel. In this challenging country, ancestral traditions are still superior to the trappings of modern life.



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DAY 6: Ittoqqortoormiit

Entering Scoresbysund, Earth's largest and longest fjord system, one could be forgiven for not realising this huge 35km inlet is a fjord at all! Scoresbysund is named for English whaler and explorer William Scoresby, one of the first Europeans to map this region; the local name for this vast fjord system, Kangertittivaq, is a typical Greenlandic understatement, roughly meaning 'The Rather Large Fjord'. The only settlement in this region is Ittoqqortoormiit (meaning 'the People who Live in Big Houses'), which surely ranks among the most remote communities on Earth. As the name suggests, the town is relatively new, having been established by Danish authorities in 1925. Colonists were relocated from the Ammassalik region further south in response to what were seen as poor living conditions in the area, as well to establish Danish sovereignty in the region during a territorial dispute with Norway. While the establishment of the town was challenging, the settlers soon realised the region was hugely rich in game, with excellent hunting and trapping opportunities. This tradition continues to this day - the majority of residents continue to live a subsistence hunting lifestyle, essential in a town where supply ships arrive only once or twice each summer. The only access to the outside world is via the heliport to the nearby airport, from where small aircraft depart for Iceland. Ittoqqortoormiit is a town with a strong sense of community and traditional culture, where foreigners are welcomed warmly. The town hosts an excellent museum, a beautiful traditional Greenlandic church, and locals often welcome visitors to their community wearing colourful traditional costumes. The town represents a wonderful introduction to the culture and lifestyle of Northeast Greenland, in one of the most spectacular natural locations anywhere in the world.



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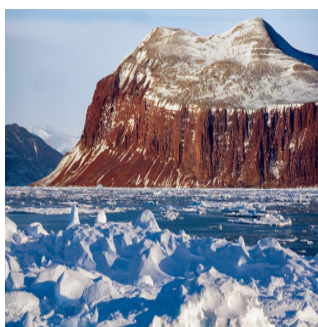
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DAY 7: Northeast Greenland National Park - Day 7 to 9

During the night we cruise past the rugged peaks of the Liverpool Land peninsula and reach the mouth of King Oscar Fjord. We are now in the vast Northeast Greenland National Park; measuring almost a million square kilometers (almost twice the size of France), this is the largest National Park and the largest area of protected land on Earth and includes the northernmost land on the planet. There are no permanent settlements in the area, but up to the middle of the 19th Century various nomadic Inuit hunters lived in this spectacular region, harvesting the natural riches of the area. The program for our days in the National Park depends on wind, sea, weather and ice conditions. In such a remote region so far north, Mother Nature dictates all human activity. Our exact route and activities will be determined by the Captain and the Expedition Leader jointly and are typically announced the night before. Some of the interesting landings we may visit include the 1300-meter-high rock wall Bastionen on the coast of Ella Island. Further north we may pass the small Maria Island, where the Germans had a camp during World War II. The Germans' attempt to gain a foothold in Greenland during World War II is a fascinating story in itself. Past Ruth Island, we hope to make a landing on Ymer Island at Blomsterbugten, a small oasis in the national park. From the tiny hunting lodge Varghytten we can enjoy the formidable view of the characteristic, flat mountain Teufelsschloss, where the multicoloured rock layers testify to the area's exciting geological development. From here, we may aim to sail by the mighty iceberg-producing Waltershausen Glacier before entering beautiful Moskusokse Fjord. On our way back towards open sea we might aim for landings on Jameson Land, which is a breeding ground for polar bears. Wherever we go in this vast wilderness, our guests can be sure of encountering excitement, adventure, and mind-boggling natural beauty. Our experienced Expedition Team will be on hand to provide guests with as much knowledge of the region as possible; either in hand-crafted lectures, evening recaps, onshore, or over a cup of coffee on deck. Throughout our time in the National Park, our skilled Expedition Team members will be constant lookout for the charismatic wildlife of the region - keep your binoculars handy!



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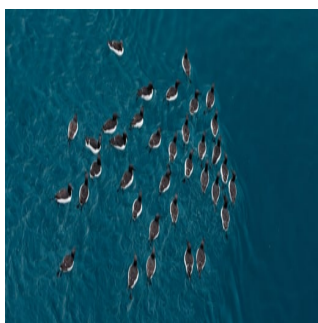
DAY 10: Blosseville Coast

Possibly the most dramatic coast outside of Antarctica, the Blosseville is guarded by Greenland's highest mountains and steepest fjords - and a belt of pack ice which was once able to ward off explorers, sometimes for years at a time! The Blosseville Coast is named for French Explorer Jules de Blosseville, the first European to sight this formidable coastline. While attempting to survey the coast in 1833 onboard the vessel La Lilloise, the vessel and all onboard were lost without a trace. Subsequent expeditions failed to find any trace of the vessel, and its fate remains a mystery to this day. The recent decades have also had warmer summers and reduced sea ice cover, which enables purpose-built ice-strengthened vessels such as the Ocean Albatros to venture along the coast, on lookout for polar wildlife, abandoned Inuit settlements and otherworldly landscapes.



DAY 11: At Sea - Towards Reykjavik

During our time at sea approaching Reykjavik, a variety of activities will be arranged on board to provide our guests with the chance to reflect on their voyage. Relax with an expertly crafted cocktail in the Nordic Bar in the company of new friends, soak up the knowledge and passion of our Expedition Team during lectures, or simply enjoy the flight of the fulmars which accompany us towards Iceland. During your last evening onboard, join the Captain and Officers for the Farewell Cocktail Party, followed by a presentation of photos and video by our onboard photographer - the ideal opportunity to re-live your Arctic adventure.



DAY 12: Disembarkation in Reykjavik

As the Icelandic capital comes into view on the horizon, strange objects appear; trees larger than ankle height, glassy skyscrapers and streets full of cars, busses and people... Such a bustling capital may feel strange after the remote wilderness of Greenland! After a hearty breakfast, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the Crew and Expedition Team of Ocean Albatros, and descend the gangway back to dry land with memories of the voyage of a lifetime. Please note: Cruise itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, ice conditions and other factors.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation Cabin on board a ship

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- Cabin accommodation on board vessel
- All meals whilst on board
- Dinner Drinks Package
- Free coffee, tea, and afternoon snacks on the ship
- Guiding and lectures by experienced expedition crew
- All scheduled landings and excursions by zodiac as per itinerary
- Special photo workshop
- Landing fees
- Pre and post cruise and ferry transfers
- Digital visual journal link after the voyage, including voyage log, gallery, species list, and more

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

- Extra excursions and activities not mentioned in the itinerary
- International Flights (except ones mentioned above)
- Meals not on board the ship
- Beverages (other than coffee and tea and dinner-drink package)
- All items of a personal nature
- Customary gratuities for staff/crew
- Transfers to/from the ship in Reykjavik
- Any pre or post cruise accommodation
- Any pre or post cruise travel extensions
- Travel insurance

Difficulty Rating 2 (light adventure)

Single Surcharge Subject to availability on request for some cabin categories. Contact us for more details.

Notes Prices are based on per person, and may be based on quad/triple/twin share.
Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.
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Price Dependent upon

Departure Date, Fuel Surcharges, Cabin Category, Currency Fluctuations, Seasonality & Availability.

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